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SUBJECT: FRANCE SUPPORTS DEMARCHE ON YEMENI 1267 VIOLATION,
WILL WORK TO ENLIST EU SUPPORT

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- 11. (C) Following January 11 delivery of reftel demarche, Poloff received an update on the GOF response on January 20 from Julien Deruffe, the MFA's senior desk officer for counterterrorism. Deruffe said France wholeheartedly supported the USG's demarche, and called the Yemeni government's violation of its UNSC 1267 obligations "astonishing and flagrant." He said France had considered making a bilateral demarche but believed it more effective to organize a response at the EU level, which he said would have more impact politically and symbolically. In addition, the EU had commercial agreements with Yemen that would give it more influence than France acting alone. Deruffe said the GOF was preparing instructions to be sent to EU capitals to advocate that Yemen's 1267 violation be added to the next EU foreign policy agenda.
- 12. (C) Yemen's violation also called into question the UN 1267 Sanctions Committee's ability to monitor compliance, said Deruffe. If ignored, such a blatant violation threatened the credibility of the 1267 committee and the Security Council. Deruffe said it would be useful to discuss ways that the 1267 committee could more systematically ensure that member obligations were upheld. Please visit Paris' Classified Website at: http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/paris/index.c fm

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